area. As far as *SC/ST* candidates are concerned, in many of their examinations, particularly those requiring general qualifications, the Commission have by and large been able to recommend sufficient number of candidates for filling posts reserved for them. Therefore, it cannot be said that the scheme of examination/ is weighted against any category.

Conducting UPSC Examination in National Languages

495. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact a "Satyagraha' is going on for a long time in front of UPSC office to conduct UPSC examinations in national languages ;

(b) the number of Members of Parliament who have sent representations to President, Prime Minister, Home Minister and others in support of the demand of the Satyagraha ; and

(c) what action Government have taken on such representations ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : ta) Yes, Sir.

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(b) Members of Parliament have writ ten from time to time in support ot the demand of the "Satyagrahis'. The exept figures about the number of such Mem bers is not centrally available.

(c) The dmeand raised by the 'Satyagrahis' and others for introduction of Hindi and other Indian languages as "well as for the discontinuance of the compulsory paper in English in the various examinations conducted by the Union Public Service Commission was referred to an Erpert Committee headed by Dr. Satish Chandra, ex-Chairman, University Grants Commission. The Government has not taken a final decision on the recommendations of this Committe;:.

Recommendations of Satish Chandra Committee

496. SHRI MD. SALIM : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact the Satish Chandra Committee bad made certain recommendations in respect of medium of examinations through National Languages conducted by Union Public Service Commission ;

(b) if so, when the said report was submitted to G,tvemment ;

(c) what action Government have taken on the report ; and

(d) if no action has been taken what we the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) to (d) The Satish Chandra Committee set up by the Union Public Service Commission examined the issues relating *to* introduction of multilingual system and the demand for discontinuance of a compulsory paper in English in the Union Public Service Commission's examinations. The Committee submitted its report to Union Public Service Commission on 11th May, 1990. A copy of the same alongwith the comments of UPSC thereon was received by the Government on 28-10-1990. The Government has not taken a final decision on the recommendatios.